5th February 1924]

Conviction of one Ahamad Kutti of Ernad taluk.

98 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Kanadancherri Ahamad Kutti of Nannambra amsam, Cherumukku desam of Ernad taluk, Malabar district, was convicted in connexion with the recent Malabar occurrences and sentenced to twenty years' rigorous imprisonment, mainly on the evidence of his personal enemy, one Chattukutti Kurup, who has since been dismissed from his post under Government as Adhikari and has been bound over for good behaviour for three years ; and

(*b*) whether, under the above circumstance, the Government propose to release the said Ahamad Kutti ?

A.—The case is under the consideration of the Government.

Conviction of Moideen Kutty and Soopy of Ernad taluk.

99 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the circumstances under which Moideen Kutty and Soopy of Cherumukku desam of Ernad taluk, Malabar district, were convicted and sentenced to fourteen years' rigorous imprisonment and whether the Government propose to release them ?

A.—The Government have recently received a petition on the subject and have referred it to the District Magistrate for report.

Mappillas in prison who have not been brought to trial.

100 *Q.*—Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether there are Mappillas arrested and imprisoned during and after the rebellion who have neither been charged nor brought to trial before any court of law and if so, how many and under what provision of law they are kept in prison and how many of them have been in prison for one year and more ?

A.—Two hundred and twenty-eight Mappillas have actually been arrested and dealt with under the Madras State Prisoners Regulation II of 1819 since the commencement of the rebellion. The orders relating to 111 of these are more than one year old.

Mappillas externed from Malabar.

101 *Q.*—Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) (*a*) whether Mappillas have been externed from Malabar in connexion with the rebellion,

(*b*) and if so, how many males and how many females,

(*c*) under what provision of law they have been externed, and

(*d*) whether the Government have made any provision for their maintenance or the maintenance of their families ; and

(2) whether it is a fact that a Mappilla woman named Chettali Modayangatt Beeyumma of Tirurangadi amsam, Ernad taluk, South Malabar, aged 70 years, who has been prohibited from going to Malabar by the Government, had sent a memorial to the Government, praying to be allowed to go to Malabar or to have a provision made for her maintenance, and whether it is a fact that the Government declined to do either ?